



MDPSTI Independent Police Academy **Frequently Asked Questions**

What are the dates for the first Independent Police Academy?

The MDPSTI's second Independent Police Academy class is scheduled to commence on Monday, September 10, 2012.

How long does it take to complete the academy?

The IPA takes approximately 6 months to complete before graduation.

What are the academy training/reporting days and times?

The Independent Police Academy is a full-time Monday thru Friday academy with hours primarily consisting of 7am-4pm. However, hours may vary based on curriculum requirements which may mandate some evening blocks of instruction.

Will you be offering a part-time academy?

As of this time only a full-time academy is being offered. Future plans may include a part-time academy but not as of this time. We encourage that you visit our website periodically at www.mdpdtraining.com for the latest academy information and updates, including information on upcoming classes.

What is the tuition cost and does it need to be paid prior to starting the academy?

The IPA tuition cost is \$5,000.00. The tuition fee must be paid in full prior to commencement of the academy. Upon notification that you have been accepted into an upcoming academy class, trainees are required to pay the tuition cost in full by no later than the first day of class.

Are there any other fees to be paid outside of the \$5,000 tuition cost?

Yes, in addition to the tuition fee, applicants are required to cover the costs of all screening tests to include: Basic Abilities Test, fingerprint clearance check, medical exam, psychological exam, polygraph exam and Physical Abilities Test. Testing fees are subject to change but total costs usually average near \$450.00. Exact testing costs are provided to applicants during their scheduled orientation day.

Do you accept the military GI Bill?

Yes

How many classes will you offer per year?

The MDPSTI will offer up to 2 full-time Independent Police Academy classes per year. We encourage you to visit our website periodically at www.mdpdtraining.com for the latest academy information and updates, including information on upcoming classes.

Once I submit my registration packet, do I need to contact the MDPSTI for additional information or updates?

No. In the event that your registration packet is found to be incomplete or in need of clarification, you will be contacted directly by MDPSTI staff. Otherwise, MDPSTI staff will contact you once your background check is complete in order to schedule you for an upcoming orientation session.

Where can I obtain an academy Registration Packet and where do I submit it once complete?

A Registration Packet can be downloaded directly from the MDPSTI website located at www.mdpdtraining.com. Follow the Independent Police Academy hyperlink for access to the Registration Packet, as well as future academy training announcements and all other academy related information. Completed packets need to be hand delivered to:

Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute
9601 NW 58 Street, Building 100
Doral, FL
Ph #305-715-5000

May I still submit my Registration Packet even after the listed application deadline date?

Yes. However, applications submitted after our listed deadline date(s) will only be processed for future academy classes. The MDPSTI also reserves the right to stop accepting applications for future classes at any time.

Will attending the MDPSTI's Independent Police Academy result in an employment opportunity within the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD)?

NO!!! The sole purpose of the IPA is to allow attendees an opportunity to receive a State of Florida FDLE Law Enforcement Certification. In no way is participation in the IPA intended to be an offer for employment within the MDPD. For inquiries regarding future employment opportunities within the MDPD, concerned parties are encouraged to contact the MDPD Personnel Management Bureau.